

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: H.E. Lam et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT125569  
Application No.: 10/713,712 Art Unit: 2168 / Confirmation No: 2286  
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Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OBJECT-ORIENTED  
INTERACTION WITH HETEROGENEOUS DATA STORES

AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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